

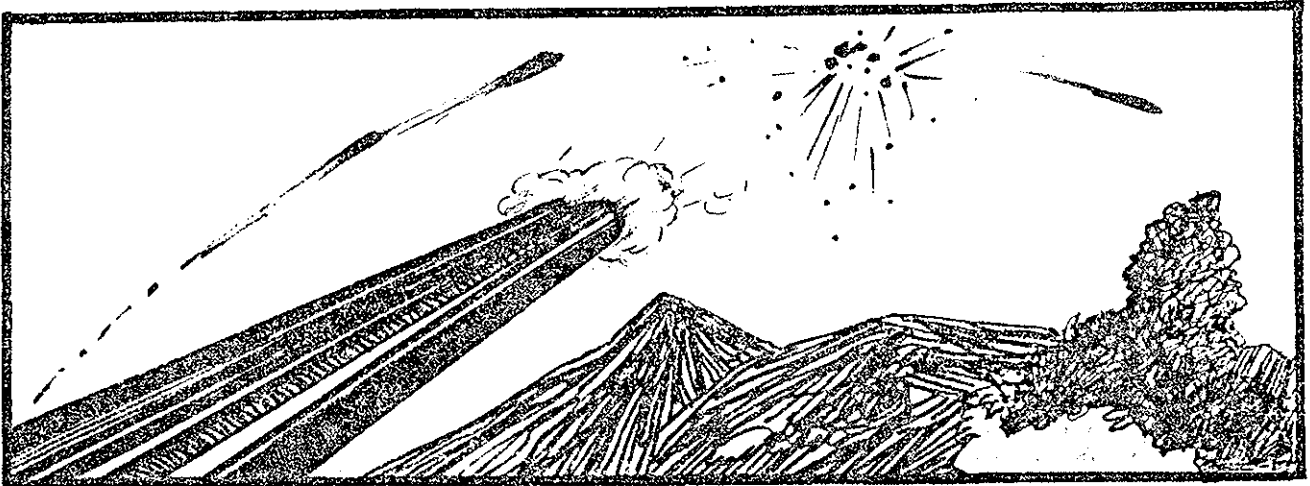
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Aiming High!

LOCH NESS GUN CLUB.

The new Olympic ranges at Bhlaraich are now just about complete after a slow start. The new layouts, which cost a large sum of money and a lot of voluntary help, will be a tremendous advantage to the shooters of Scotland. What it really means is that we can shoot the same targets in Glenmoriston as anywhere in the world. The club is increasing its membership every day and now is the biggest in Scotland. It has a very high standard of organisation with a lot of local help to keep it running smoothly.

We have our first international here in September, which will bring the enemy from England, Ireland and Wales to try and take the crown from our heads. But we can be well practised and trained on these very testing layouts, which is to our advantage. We also have one of the "Scotsman" shoots, which will be a qualifier for the Grand Final at Kippen, Stirling in October. The first round is past, held at Kippen on 12th April. Two local shooters qualified, MARTIN GIRVAN and JOHN MORGAN.

D.N.S.

EDITORIAL

This issue has been held back somewhat so that a report on the presentation to Rev. Peter Fraser and Mrs Fraser from the community of Glenmoriston may be included. The next issue will be on sale, hopefully, by the scheduled time of mid-June.

We thank sincerely all those who took the time and trouble to prepare and send special articles for this edition.

It is appropriate at a time when Mrs Fraser is 'officially' retiring from the part she has been playing in the Glen for so many years, and with particular reference to this magazine (although she will in fact be able to carry on with it for a little while yet), that we can say "Moriston Matters" has come to the notice of the National Library of Scotland, to the effect that it has requested future copies be sent to them for their archives. The National Library is one of the nation's "libraries of deposit".

It is hoped that we can still continue to provide the National Library of Scotland with copies of "Moriston Matters".

Last summer we were able to award a small prize for civic-minded efforts on the part of young people. We hope to be able to do the same this summer, in the August issue. Therefore, we would be interested in any information on relevant endeavours.

Ed.

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to William and Betty" after their wedding. It must have gladdened the hearts of Peter and Margaret to see how genuinely fond we were of the "family at the Manse".

Another happy occasion was celebrated in the hall when Peter had completed 25 years of service in the Glen. The community again joined in showing their appreciation of his ministry. Peter and Margaret were presented with an electric fire and given an expenses paid holiday on Iona, something they both enjoyed very much. Most ministers have a month's annual leave but for various reasons this was not possible in Glenmoriston and so it seemed a happy choice to all concerned.

Now that the time has come for the Rev. Peter to retire we all hope that he will feel it was good for him to have been here with us in our beautiful glen, as we know, in our hearts, it was good for us to have him amongst us.

H.E.M.

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The Moriston Matters

prize for young reportage

Dalchreichart,
Glenmoriston,
Inverness-shire.



Dear Secretary,

The members of the S.S.P.C.A. of Dalchreichart Primary School were shocked to hear that an official director of your Society was amongst the cruel crowd of horsemen and hounds at a recent fox-hunt. I am the oldest of the eleven pupils in my school and am writing to you on behalf of the other members here. I, myself, was shocked to hear this and thought that the director on the fox-hunt was a traitor to the S.S.P.C.A. Where I live foxes are plentiful and the farmers and crofters shoot them to protect their own animals, but fox-hunters take part in this cruel sport apparently just for fun. I think it is dreadful having enjoyment in seeing poor innocent foxes being torn to pieces!

Perhaps you could write back to us and explain how it is possible to be a member of the S.S.P.C.A. and be cruel to animals at the same time.

Yours sincerely,

Judith Watson,

Primary 6.

The prize is doubled and awarded to the pupils of Dalchreichart School. This means that there will be no prize available for "Young Reportage" in the next issue.

MONUMENT CONTINUED.

(Mr MacKenzie wishes to acknowledge the aid in the preparation of this account he received from:

Mr John Morrison, Inverness,
and Mrs Fraser, Glenmoriston
Church of Scotland Manse.

Ed.)

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We would like to express our good wishes to Mrs Forbes, Invergarry, on her retirement as Organizing Secretary of Inverness-shire Federation and thanks for all her help and co-operation in the past. Mrs Forbes is about to take up the duties of District Councillor for Lochaber.

L.H.S.

MONUMENTS in the GLEN

JOHN SANDEMAN'S MEMORIAL, CLUANIE.

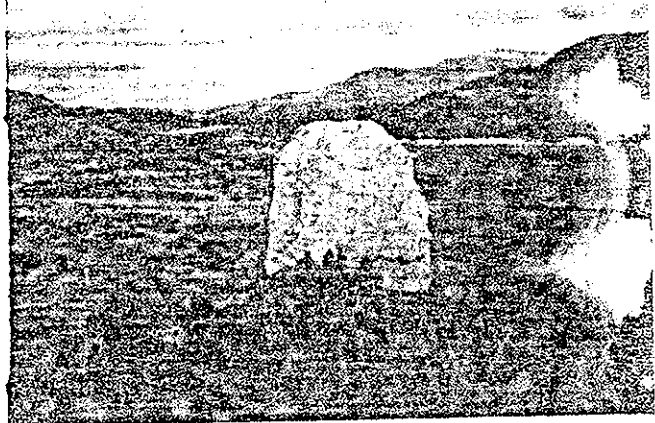
Just east of the Skye and Lochalsh/Inverness District boundary, at the side of the A.87 Kyle of Lochalsh/Inverness road stands a granite boulder to the memory of a climber who perished whilst climbing in the hills nearby after losing touch with his companions.

The boulder, which is about 3 feet high, stands on the north side of the road at a spot below which used to lie tiny Loch Lundie. This hill loch, however, has long since disappeared along with the old road under the swollen waters of Loch Cluanie.

The memorial bears a small bronze plaque which carries the following inscription:

TO THE MEMORY OF
JOHN DUDLEY SANDEMAN
DEARLY LOVED ONLY SON OF THE LATE
R.K. SANDEMAN
AND MRS. SANDEMAN, EDINBURGH
LOST ON THE MOUNTAINS ABOVE
THIS POINT ON 3RD JANUARY, 1960
AGED 19 YEARS AND 6 MONTHS.

John Sandeman was one of a group of about twenty Edinburgh University students who had come up to Glenmoriston for part of their Xmas vacation for the purposes of climbing and hillwalking. At the time there was a large amount of Hydro-Board construction taking place in the Glen and the construction company, Carmichaels Ltd, had a large work-camp situated on the south side of the road just east of Dundreggan dam. There the party obtained accommodation since the workforce were not on site over the festive season.



On the day in question the students divided themselves into several smaller groups to tackle climbs of varying difficulty and set out into the Cluanie mountains via the large hill called Sgurr nan Conbhairean. Sandeman was one of a group of four led by 19-year old Andrew Kerr and their route took them towards Bealach Coire a Chait. Sandeman was not a very experienced climber, however, and he found himself in a group who were just too good for him. About 3.10, with little of the 'short winter's day ahead of them, he had started to flag and had dropped some 100 yards behind his companions. They pressed on, crossed a false summit and returned. Sandeman was no longer following them. They assumed that he had dropped out and gone back down to the road, but when they did not meet him, they retraced their steps back up the Bealach. When once more they did not find him, they returned to Cluanie and back to Dundreggan where the alarm was raised.

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The whole party went out after dark, searched the lower hills and corries, but returned at 5 a.m. without success. It was just after returning that they learned that the missing climber's father, 70-year old Mr Robert Sandeman, a retired jute manufacturer, had died suddenly the previous evening. John Sandeman, however, was well enough equipped to survive a night in the open and so the search resumed the next day.

The weather by this time had worsened and Monday's search, which was carried out by the R.A.F. Mountain Rescue Service, Police, Gamekeepers and local volunteers, proved fruitless. Tuesday's search was abandoned early because of the weather and further searches on Wednesday and Thursday proved hopeless. Finally, the whole exercise was called off although for about six months afterwards parties of climbers searched the area looking for the body, but without success.

About a year after his disappearance John Sandeman's mother approached the owner of the ground by Loch Cluanie, Mr.T.D. Girvan, Tomchrasky, for permission to erect a memorial stone to her son near the place where he disappeared. This was granted and on Sunday, 8th October 1961, in the presence of a crowd of about 30 local people and including his 3 climbing companions, the stone was dedicated.

The service was conducted by the Rev.R.D.MacLennan, Kintail and the Rev.Neil MacInnes, Glenshiel.

On Friday, September 21st 1962, a shepherd, George MacKay, who was out gathering sheep with his employer, Mr.T.D.Girvan, saw something sticking up in the heather behind some boulders.

It turned out to be an ice-axe with the initials J.D.S. It looked as though its owner had just stuck it in the ground and sat down beside it to rest. With the axe were found some residual human remains in company with a watch, cigarette lighter, spectacles and boots. John Sandeman had been found some two and a half years after his disappearance.

The area where he was found was at the top of Glen Fada, north of Aonach Shasuinn on the marches of the Ceannacroc and Guisachan Deer Forests. This was about 9 miles from the point where he was last seen. After losing touch with his companions in the fading light John Sandeman must have realised he had to descend to refind the road. It is probable that he turned east and descended into the wrong Glen and in his exhaustion when the snow came he turned to walk with the wind and snow at his back. This he must have done for some time until, eventually, overcome by his exertions, he stuck his ice-axe in the ground, sat down beside it and perished of hypothermia.

Two days later the remains were recovered from the hill by Constable John Morrison and Sgt.Irvine, two of the local policemen who had been closely connected with the search and who had also been present at the unveiling ceremony above Loch Lundie. They were placed in Glenmoriston Church of Scotland, where with a prayer from the Rev.Peter Fraser, they were to lie for the Sunday night before being conveyed to Inverness for formal identification and thence to Edinburgh for cremation.

H.FRASER MACKENZIE.

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The END of an ERA



The last couple to be married in the Church at Invermoriston. Photograph M.G.

Although Invermoriston Hall has been the scene of many gatherings, the crowd who assembled on the evening of Friday, 18th April, must have been one of the largest that the hall has seen in a long time.

The purpose of the gathering was, of course, to bid farewell to our parish minister, the Rev. Peter Fraser and his wife, Margaret. Mr. Fraser has served our community for over 30 years and it is an indication of the esteem in which he was held that the hall was not only filled to capacity, but overflowing, with friends from far and near who had come to say good-bye.

The first part of the evening was a concert, where the acts varied from Scottish Dance Music to Rock 'n' Roll, from folk songs to dramatic art. The children from both ends of the Glen performed under the watchful eye of their respective

teachers. Dalchreichart school children showed the men present how to ensure that their wives remained submissive, while the children of Invermoriston School gave an ingenious country dancing display. The dance was an original display especially composed by Mrs Nicholson and appropriately named "Mrs Fraser's Fancy". There were, of course, many other items on the programme, but they are too numerous to identify individually. Suffice to say that at the end of the concert the large audience had witnessed displays which showed the diversity of talents of the artistes.

The next part of the evening took the form of the actual presentation and Mr Hamish MacDonald, chairman for the occasion, invited Rev. John MacEwan, Rev. John Campbell and Rev. Fr. Andrew Mackillop to speak. They all spoke of Mr. Fraser's devotion to his ministry and

to the community at large which he served as a councillor as well as a minister.

The gift of a colour television and a cheque for a substantial sum was then presented to Mr Fraser by Mr Magnus Marr, on behalf of the people of the Glen.

Mr Fraser, when he rose to give his thanks, spoke of the warmth he had always found in the community.

Of course it must also be remembered that Mr Fraser was always helped in his work by his wife and the point was made that her energy and enthusiasm would be sadly missed in the Glen.

Tea was then served by the ladies of the Glen, whereupon the evening closed with an hour of dancing to the music of the artistes who had set our feet tapping earlier in the evening.

It only remains to say that the people of the Glen wish Mr and Mrs Fraser a long and happy retirement in their new home in Kiltarlity and we hope that although they will no longer live among us they will not forget us, but will visit the village regularly, where they will always be assured of a very warm welcome.

A. McD.

TRIBUTES

REV. PETER FRASER, M.A., B.D.

Fanellan, Culburnie, Beauly, Inverness, Edinburgh reads almost like a fairy tale. A contemporary at school describes him as a guileless lad, who never quarrelled and tried to see the good in everyone. A remarkable tribute still good today. He was a leading light in the Academy shinty team. He had a habit of being kind to those, for whom Christ died, who were less fortunate than others in society; one of the reasons he befriended Africans who were not as acceptable as some in Edinburgh in the thirties. One especial friend was a student from Achimota and was one of the reasons why he with Margaret went to Achimota as Presbyterian Chaplain in 1943. The Gold Coast, or Ghana as it is now called, was, in Education, far ahead of other African territories under the Colonial Office, and Achimota

College was famous all over Africa, and while he was there the University College of the Gold Coast evolved from Achimota. An African colleague, after Independence, took as his text in chapel, "Now we believe, not because of thy saying; for we have heard Him ourselves and know that this is indeed the Christ, the Saviour of the world".

Glenmoriston in 1949, when Peter and Margaret with William and Helen (James was to join the family the following year) arrived there, was in the throes of both Hydro-Electric and Forestry development and Peter was not only Parish Minister, but Chaplain to the work force - over 300 - under the Rev. John MacIntyre, the first Industrial Chaplain appointed by the Church of Scotland. Peter as resident

in the Glen was instrumental in such integration as was possible between the Glen and the workers. Engineers now scattered all over the world, who had worked on the Cluanie and Loyne Dams, the Dundreggan Dam or the Levishie scheme, still ask about the Rev. Peter. He was the friend of all and had two of the engineers living with him in the Manse.

His pastoral work, in which he was ably assisted by Margaret, a born efficient organiser, endeared him to all who resided in the Glen. Communion Services, at which I have served as an elder, were occasions of the meeting of many denominations - Church of Scotland, Church of England, Catholic, Baptist, Methodist, Brethren. I recall taking a party of six French Catholic girls from Allt Saigh to the lovely Church, none lovelier in the Inverness Presbytery. It was in this Presbytery that Peter served all his life - as Divinity student; his Licensing to preach; his Ordination before going abroad and as Parish minister.

He served his community also as County Councillor in Inverness County Council and later as District Councillor. Both in the religious and secular he was a most sincere, conscientious and level-headed servant - thus he is described by a colleague on the Council.

A true and faithful servant of his Master.

J.D.M. (GLENURQUHART).

The Rev. Peter Fraser, yes that is a name that must arouse memories to many people, not only to residents in the Glen, but all over the world. Some will recall occasions which were of very special importance in their lives, others a fleeting recoll-

ection of a happy holiday in Glenmoriston, but to all the Rev. Peter Fraser is an integral part of the Glen.

He was inducted to our Parish church in July 1949 and was presented with a sum of money from the congregation. With this money he bought a bicycle, and one can imagine how familiar the sight must have been as he rode about "His Father's business". We know how much travelling he has to do with the car to help cover the miles and we can guess how much harder it was on a bicycle on the old roads. I suspect though, that there had been an even deeper feeling of belonging to God and to the folk of the Glen in those days.

A few weeks after his arrival he held his first christening, that of Johan Ferguson on the 27th August and since then has baptised almost 200 children. Many, many couples must feel more completely bound in marriage because of his blessing their union. In the same way many sorrowing relatives must have been comforted by his presence when they lost a loved one.

Almost any minister can climb into a pulpit and deliver a sermon. Why else, if one has the calling, should one choose the ministry, but it takes a very special person to do that and also conduct a tiny service every Sunday in a room in a forestry house. Yet this our minister did for many years, and more recently he has held the "Junior Church" in the home of Mr and Mrs MacRae, Bunloyne.

The coming of the Hydro and the building of the dams must have been the most dramatic event in the Glen and I've no doubt brought extra trials and tribulations as well as extra employment and prosperity.

One of the happiest functions held in the Hall was the "Welcome-

When I arrived in Invermoriston less than two years ago Mr and Mrs Fraser soon displayed in the most tactful yet positive way their long-standing interest and participation in school life. Since then I have been grateful for the advice, comfort and support that has been readily forthcoming, but never imposed.

Mr Fraser has a great knack of involving each one of us personally in his Friday morning lessons at school, and of provoking interesting thoughts in the children's minds. His skill in relating the New Testament's teachings to their own lives has often stimulated lively discussion, and no boy or girl has every been left unheard when they indicated their eagerness to tell of an experience or to express an opinion of their own.

Mrs Fraser too has contributed much to the education of the children: encouraging them to make practical use of their written language by submitting articles for "Moriston Matters"; developing in them a sense of community responsibility by involving them in all village and church activities; and passing on to them something of her skill and enthusiasm for country dancing.

It is with deep regret that Invermoriston School will bid farewell to the Rev. and Mrs Fraser. The only consolation is that we know they will not be too far away and we hope they will always feel welcome to come and see us at any time.

M.L.N.

It is not easy to write a farewell message to Rev. Peter Fraser. For fifteen years we have been neighbour ministers in Glenmoriston.

My first meeting with Mr Fraser was at my induction in Fort Augustus Free Church on 29th April 1965. Someone mentioned that the Church of Scotland minister from Glenmoriston was present and that he might say a few words if asked to do so. On being called upon Mr Fraser responded readily and his kindly words of welcome are still remembered.

On many occasions since we have met and have discussed various aspects of our work and our relations have been good and helpful.

Although Mr Fraser is shortly to leave this Glen we do not feel that he will be far from us. His thoughts and affections will be with the warm-hearted people of Glenmoriston and surrounding district.

We wish both Rev. and Mrs Fraser a long and happy retirement in Kiltarlity.

J.F.

M is for manse where we once saw a witch
 Riding her broomstick in a cloak black as pitch.
 A is for album with stamps of each kind.
 Need to exchange some? She doesn't mind.
 D is for dancing, at which she excels,
 Music, and writing, and acting as well.
 R is for Reverend, who writes a good rhyme,
 Super at Sack Race, wins all the time!
 F is for friendship at parties and trips,
 Ready to help, with praise on their lips.
 A's for appreciate all they have done,
 So three hearty cheers from everyone!
 E each capital letter that starts every line
 Rounds off the riddle. Your guess is mine?

DALCHREICHART SCHOOL.

After many years as a loyal and active member of Glenmoriston S.W.R.I. Mrs.P.Fraser will be leaving us to begin her new life in Kiltarlity.

During her membership Mrs Fraser was Vice-President for several years and Secretary for 3, then President for 13 years, after which she became Secretary again, and has regularly attended the Triennial Conference in Edinburgh, spending countless hours and travelling many miles on representing and organising the group's interests. In fact, she has been one of the pillars of this Institute and will be sorely missed.

We all send our grateful thanks for all her help and encouragement and wish her and Mr Fraser all the best for their retirement.

W.T.

As you all probably know Mr and Mrs Fraser are leaving us. I think it is very sad as Mr and Mrs Fraser have been very kind and helpful always: Mr Fraser coming to the village school every Friday to give us religious knowledge, and giving the teenagers a youth club every Thursday, Mrs Fraser giving us dancing lessons and arranging parties every year. I think that if every minister and wife are like Mr and Mrs Fraser they must be very nice. Honestly, I don't know what the village will do without them. They were always so willing to lend a hand.

YVONNE SERVICE
 on behalf of the
 pupils of Invermoriston School.

A street market,
It's a hectic place
It's a merry place
It's a place where people yell
to their heart's content.

A street market,
It's a place for buying freshly
caught game,
Bits and pieces
All shapes, sizes and descrip-
tions,
Cotton reels, bobbins, bicycle
parts.

A street market,
It's a crowded place
It's a warm place
It's fun and great.

A street market,
When the day has gone by
And the dusk has fallen,
It's lonely
Cool and chilly and windy,
It's where couples go.

A street market,
In the dawn
It's a hectic place
It's a merry place
It's a place where people yell
to their heart's content. R.R.

POEMS

by R.R.

ORPHAN AT NINE.

Orphan at nine,
Only knew Jim
Showed me the good life
Ha!Ha!
I could run
I'll stand a chance.
But what is there
Out there?
False people
Gaining nothing
Like Jim
No, not for me.
I stand in the light.

R.R.

We try in "Moriston Matters" not to refer to ourselves pretentiously in journalistic terms. A community magazine is a team project. But if one does use journalistic terms, it is to enable a point or two about a magazine's production to be made understandable. Well, Mrs Fraser's tireless capacity in news-gathering, in ensuring (somehow) that the raw material is regularly to hand, her scrupulous attention to detail, her accuracy in checking and proofing - all the pre-and-post publication work, much of it undefinable - make the editorial task so much easier. But more: it is these features in Mrs Fraser's approach to and execution of the job that enable an editor to have that much more time to stand back and pause for

reflection. And as often as not Mrs Fraser has been the magazine's chief reporter.

Mrs Fraser will be able to carry on for one or two issues yet, and that will give "Moriston Matters" some leeway. But when the time comes that distance will make it impossible for Mrs Fraser to be actively engaged in the immediate work of the magazine, we have no doubt that "Moriston Matters" will still continue to benefit from the contributions of both her and Mr Fraser. We wish them a long and happy period of retirement.

On 11th February, Mr MacDonald from the British Waterways Board gave us a very interesting talk on the Caledonian Canal, illustrated by beautiful slides. The competition for a curio with an interesting story was won by Shona Robertson for a wooden dog hand-made by a blind man. The ladies from Drumnadrochit, who were guests for the evening, were the judges.

Mr George Nicholson came on 10th March and gave a very interesting and informative account of the Scottish Fishing Industry. He also gave us a film show on the processing of fish before it reaches the table. The competition, a Face on a Potato, was won by Mrs.K.Tomlin.

On 17th March we had a Whist Drive in aid of the Federation Car Fund, the proceeds being £16.50. Mrs.A.Tracy presented the prizes to:

Ladies 1st	-	Mrs.K.Tomlin
" 2nd	-	Mrs.D.MacKintosh (Fort Augustus)
Consolation	-	Morag Ferguson
Travelling	-	Margaret Ferguson
Gents 1st	-	Mrs Gibbons (Acting) (Fort Augustus)
" 2nd	-	Mrs Matheson (Acting) (Fort Augustus)
Consolation	-	Mrs.M.Shepherd (Acting).
Travelling	-	Mr.J.MacKenzie.
Raffle	-	Miss Helen Glass, (Bridge of Allan.)

Thanks to Peter Stoddart for being cardmaster and to all who helped with teas, etc.

On Monday 7th April Mr Arthur Main assisted by Mr Abiami gave us a very full and interesting talk on First Aid at the scene of an accident. They also judged the competition for the Best Bandaged Knee, which had hilarious results. The winner was Shona Robertson with Trica Stoddart as her casualty. CONT.P.3.

With "Moriston Matters" now being published (officially) in the middle of the month the Woman's Guild can report on three meetings since the last issue and so complete session 1979-80.

In February, the Rev.Arthur Frase Hospitals Chaplain in Inverness, told the inspiring story of Quarrier's Homes in Bridge of Weir, begun in 1876 by William Quarrier to provide family cottage homes for needy children, and today providing, in a complex of about seventy buildings, as well as "family care" for some five hundred children, an epilepsy centre with hostel accommodation, medical treatment and occupational therapy. The Rev.Arthur Fraser had been chaplain there before coming to Inverness and held his audience spellbound with his challenging account.

In March, five ladies from Fort Augustus Guild came to perform a short sketch illustrating some of the social problems prevalent in the world today, and this was followed by an interesting discussion. There was more contact with Fort Augustus at the World Day of Prayer service when we were pleased to welcome members of several denominations to the church. This year, the 50th anniversary of the first such service in Scotland, in deference to some of the younger churches in the developing world who now take part, the word "Women's" was dropped from the title and we were glad that Mr Fraser and Mr Grant of Glenmoriston were able to join us, Mr Grant taking part along with Mrs Marr, Mrs Margo Smith, Mrs Ford (who gave a most thoughtful address), Mrs Fraser, Mrs.K.Tomlin and the older primary school-children from Invermoriston and Dalchreichart who sang a modern song.

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The Youth Club which started last November is continuing and getting almost maximum attendances at every meeting.

Our financial situation has improved considerably due mainly to the sponsored 'Disco' which was a tremendous success, raising over £100.00. We are very grateful to the community as a whole for the support which they showed on that occasion, and special thanks must go to Graham Ross from Inverness Community Education Dept., who was able to borrow proper disco equipment, thus enabling non-stop music to be played.

The main object of the disco was to raise funds to enable the purchase of a great game called Uni-Hoc, a junior type of hockey which may be played in or out of doors. The great thing about the game is that there are very few rules to observe, making the ref's job much easier. However, Neil Robertson, being pretty keen on shinty, will insist on trying to amputate the odd limb here and there.

Our club is now affiliated to the Scottish Youth Clubs Association which provides organised competitions on the national level and promotes many activities including Outward Bound courses and adventure weekends, etc. Donald MacDonald, 'The Pier', recently attended one such weekend at Balmaha by Loch Lomond and thoroughly enjoyed it.

We intend having a weekend camp sometime in June, preferably before our arch enemies, the midges, return. Parents will be informed about this directly from the Youth Club.

BOB.

On the 18th of March we at the Youth Club were very thankful for the visitors from Glasgow. They only stayed a week. We hope they enjoyed themselves very much because they helped us get more cheerful.

Gary.

WOMAN'S GUILD CONTINUED.

There was a cup of tea afterwards and several people remarked on the friendliness of the occasion. £13.80 was sent from the collection for the provision of Christian literature.

In April, we had a visit from a group of four girls from the West Church in Inverness, calling themselves "Ichthus". They presented the Easter story with the help of coloured slides, songs in which their voices blended in haunting harmony to guitar accompaniment, and simple

statements of faith sincerely spoken, and all present greatly appreciated their message.

With the end of the session, which has seen a sharp decrease in numbers owing to members leaving the district, those left are looking forward to Mrs Buell's arrival in the new session and extend a welcome to any women who would like to join the fellowship.

M.E.F.

TV CLUB.

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INVERMORISTON TV CLUB.

(SPONSORED WALK)

The sponsored walk took place on Saturday 5th April as planned. We were rather disappointed with the response as regards sponsorship. However, it managed to raise about £180 towards our T.V. system.

Those who took part were:-

DUNCAN MACDONALD, LYNDIA NAIRN, DONALD GILLIES, MARGARET SMART, JOHN ATKINSON, MARGARET FERGUSON, JOHN SMART, WILLIE SMEATON, ALLAN MACDONELL AND NEIL ROBERTSON.

Duncan and Lynda left the village shop at 7 a.m. escorted by Maggie and Alastair to Dundreggan Hydro houses. Tote took over from Lynda and walked with Duncan as far as the Fish Farm where Maggie took over and walked a magnificent 7 on her gammy leg!! (and on her good one) to Ceannacroc Bridge where John A. then joined Duncan, followed three miles later by Margaret Ferguson. Duncan, John and Margaret were joined three miles outside Invergarry by John Smart and Willie Smeaton, then Neil Robertson at Invergarry. On arriving at Fort Augustus Benny replaced John and Willie to walk the last 6 miles home.

The walkers were met at the Pier by a reception committee who cheered them home.

Congratulations and grateful thanks to Duncan (40 miles), Lynda (5 miles), Tote (6 miles), Maggie (7 miles), John A. (26 miles), Meg (23 miles), Willie

and John (10 miles), Neil (13 miles), Benny (6 miles). Thanks also to the back-up cars, Margaret Smart and Johnson, Ali and Allan.

To date, we have applied to the H.I.D.B. for a grant to cover the cost of coloured T.V. It should be strongly stressed, even though we have colour it is by no means paid for.

DONATIONS WILL BE GRATEFULLY RECEIVED AT THE FILLING STATION OR TO MARGARET JOHNSON.

P.S. There must be easier and less painful ways of making money! ANY IDEAS?

M. Smart
M. Johnson.

GLENURQUHART SEC. SCHOOL.

A sponsored walk in aid of the Bird Club Trip to Canna and the School Minibus Fund took place on Friday, 7th March. The whole school took part in the ten-mile walk and the sum realized was approximately £480. The route followed began about three miles from Culnakirk on the Kiltarlity road and returned to Drumadroch-it via Foxhole, Achpopuli and Loch Glanaidh to Drumbuie. The weather, although quite misty, obliged. A welcome stop was made at Achpopuli for a packed lunch, transported by the staff in cars, before the final scramble through the heather back to school.

F.G.

COAST TO COAST. It is hoped to go ahead this summer with this outing which last summer had to be postponed. Fuller details will be announced in the next issue, but meantime, the first week in August has been provisionally earmarked for the undertaking. Those who are interested should contact Allan Nairn.

in brief

In this issue we must bid farewell to Mrs Grierson who has moved to Inverness where she is in charge of a sheltered housing complex. We hope that Magnus and Helen Marr are now happily settled into the vacant house in Riverside.

We welcome to the community Robert Lealand who has taken charge of the Loch Ness Caravan & Camping Park

....John Atkinson who is now working with Allan Nairn. We are specially grateful to him for his help with the artwork of this issue.

....Mr. Mrs. Martin Simmons and Elizabeth Shennon who have joined the hotel staff

....and Mrs Sheila Johnson in the Shop with her husband Jerry and the family Callum, Hamish,

Brenda and Dougal all lending a hand from time to time. We look forward to their settling in the village.

Her friends are pleased to have Frances Grant home amongst us on an extended holiday from New Zealand.

We offer congratulations to Ian Grant on his appointment as Deputy Lieutenant of Inverness-shire.

....and best wishes to the two young couples who were married in Invermoriston Church - John Curson and Jackie Stewart on February 23rd, and Archie Clark and Dawn MacNeill on March 29th.

Dalchreichart School are holding a Bring & Buy Sale on Friday 13th June at 2 p.m. when all will be welcome.

DARTS.

The Darts League consisted of eight teams fighting it out for the Glenalbyn Shield. With the mild winter we had all games played on time. The presentations took place in Inchnacardoch Lodge Hotel. There Mr and Mrs Anderson gave us a lovely meal.

Presentations were as follows: Foyers 'A' - the Shield, Foyers 'B' - the Wooden Spoons; the Singles trophy to Duncan Stoddart, while our own champion Mary Frances took home the Ladies' Champion Shield (Well done, Mary!). We would like to thank Mr and Mrs Anderson for a most enjoyable evening (Brave couple!)

P.S. The internal Championships are still in progress and will be reported in the next issue.

MARGARET SMART.



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